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ABSTRACT

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SUBJECT

REDWOOD AERODYNAMIC  
AECASSOWARY/29 UTILIZATION

ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES

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1. THE SECOND SENTENCE IN PARAGRAPH 1 OF THE REFERENCE SETS FORTH A POLICY WHICH GIVES RISE IN OUR MINDS TO SERIOUS QUESTION AS TO THE DESIRABILITY OF THE CONTINUED ASSIGNMENT OF AECASSOWARY/29 TO FOB. THIS SENTENCE STATES THAT DIRECT KUBARK INVOLVEMENT IN THE RUNNING OF AECASSOWARY/29'S OPERATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED BY HEADQUARTERS ONLY IN A CASE WHERE THE BENEFITS DERIVED DISTINCTLY OUTWEIGH THE RISKS INCURRED.

2. WE MUST CONFESS THAT THE "RISKS" IN KUBARK INVOLVEMENT ARE NOT BY ANY MEANS CLEAR TO US. IF, AND THIS SEEMS RATHER INCREDIBLE, REVELATION OF ODYOKE IS RELATIONSHIP'S WITH AECASSOWARY/1 IS WHAT IS FEARED, WE DISAGREE ENTIRELY WITH THE REFERENCE. WE DO NOT HAVE ANY REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE ANY DOUBT WHATSOEVER AS TO THE AFFILIATIONS OF ANY REASONABLY WELL-HEELED EMIGRE ORGANIZATION WITH HEADQUARTERS IN PBPRIME. PERHAPS MORE IMPORTANT, HOWEVER, IS THE FACT THAT IF AECASSOWARY/29 OPERATIONS ARE TO PRODUCE INTELLIGENCE ON PRIORITY TARGETS IN THE USSR WORTH THE COST OF THE AECASSOWARY/29 PROJECT, THIS CAN ONLY RESULT FROM CAREFULLY BRIEFED AND TRAINED REDSKIN AGENT OPERATIONS. THE BRIEFING WHICH WILL HAVE TO BE GIVEN THE AGENTS INVOLVED WILL WITHOUT ANY QUESTION GIVE A VERY CLEAR INDICATION TO THE AGENTS AND, IF THEY ARE COMPROMISED, TO THE SOVIETS, OF THE TRUE NATURE OF THE SPONSORSHIP. WE CONSIDER IT UNREASONABLE TO ASSUME THAT THE SOVIETS WILL BELIEVE THAT AN EMIGRE OUTFIT HAS ANY INTEREST IN OB OR S/T MATTERS. IN FACT IT WOULD SEEM THAT WE RISK DECEIVING OURSELVES IF WE BELIEVE THAT REQUIREMENTS OF THIS TYPE PROVIDED IN REFERENCE PARAGRAPH 4 COULD BE THOUGHT BY ANY SECURITY ORGANIZATION TO HAVE EMANATED FROM AN EMIGRE ORGANIZATION RATHER THAN AN INTELLIGENCE SERVICE.

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3. THESE CONSIDERATIONS WOULD NOT APPLY IN THE SAME DEGREE TO POLITICAL REQUIREMENTS OR POSSIBLY TO SOME RECONTACT MISSIONS, WHICH IN SOME INSTANCES COULD PROBABLY BE COVERED AS BEING OF HONEST-TO-PETE EMIGRE CONCERN.

4. THERE REMAINS, HOWEVER, THE CENTRAL ISSUE OF ADEQUATE KUBARK CONTROL OVER REDSKIN OPERATIONS DEVELOPED AND MOUNTED BY AECASSOWARY/29. UNLESS WE CAN PARTICIPATE DIRECTLY IN MOST OF THESE, PARTICULARLY IN THE EARLY STAGES, WE SHALL HAVE A VERY IMPERFECT PICTURE OF AECASSOWARY/29'S COMPETENCE AS AN OPERATOR, AND OF THE EXTENT TO WHICH HE FAITHFULLY ADHERES TO THE BRIEFINGS AND REQUIREMENTS WE DIRECT HIM TO PROVIDE TO THE AGENTS. WE DO NOT FEEL THAT WE CAN TAKE HIS PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE ON FAITH OR THAT WE CAN AFFORD TO EVALUATE HIS OPERATIONS SOLELY THROUGH HIS REPORTING ON THEM. WE THEREFORE BELIEVE THAT IN MOST CASES, WE MUST BE DIRECTLY INVOLVED. THE COVER FOR OUR ROLE MUST BE DEVELOPED ON AN AD HOC BASIS APPROPRIATE TO THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN EACH CASE. IT CERTAINLY SEEMS POSSIBLE TO DO HIS WITHOUT NECESSARILY ESTABLISHING PROOF OF ODYOKE SPONSORSHIP OF AECASSOWARY/1. IF ON THE OTHER HAND WE DO NOT TAKE THE STEPS REQUIRED TO ENSURE THE MOST PROFESSIONAL POSSIBLE MOUNTING OF AECASSOWARY/29'S MISSIONS, WE INCUR A VERY DIRECT MORAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE HUMAN RESULTS OF OPERATIONAL FAILURES WHICH MAY OCCUR BECAUSE OF OUR FAILURE TO HAVE DONE SO AND FOR THE POSSIBLY FAR REACHING SECURITY RAMIFICATIONS OF UNSUCCESSFUL MISSIONS.

5. WE FEEL OBLIGED THEREFORE TO REQUEST VERY SERIOUS RECONSIDERATION OF THE POLICY GIVEN IN REFERENCE PARAGRAPH 1. IF WE ARE NOT ABLE TO STEP IN DIRECTLY IN THOSE CASES WHERE KUBARK AND AECASSOWARY/29 DEEM IT FEASIBLE AND DESIRABLE TO DO SO, WE HAVE LITTLE ALTERNATIVE BUT TO SUGGEST THAT HIS ASSIGNMENT TO FOB BE TERMINATED AS QUICKLY AS CONVENIENT TO ALL CONCERNED. AND, IN VIEW OF THE APPROACHING END OF FY 1961 AND THE RESULTANT NEED TO FIX AND APPROVE THE FIELD ALLOTMENT OF FUNDS FOR THIS ACTIVITY FOR FY 1962, WE MUST ASK FOR A PROMPT DECISION ON THIS MATTER.

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